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EMBASSY WELCOMES REAFFIRMATION IN REFERENCED MESSAGE OF POLICY LIMITING SUBJECT VISITS AND BELIEVES, IN VIEW OF REPORTS OF CONTINUED TURBULENCE IN UPPER RANKS OF GREEK MILITARY, THAT USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO SCREEN CAREFULLY PROPOSED VISITS BY GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS, INCLUDING THOSE SERVING IN ACE POSTS. EMBASSY PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING ATTENDANCE AT MARCH 25 INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES CONFORM TO EXISTING POLICY AND IN MINIMIZING POSSIBILITY THAT PRESENCE OF U.S. GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS WILL BE TAKEN AS INDICATION THAT U.S. INSENSITIVE TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE. IN VIEW OF CEREMONIAL NATURE OF THESE CELEBRATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT INAPPROPRIATE TO EXTEND VISITS HERE TO INCLUDE CONTACT WITH GREEK MILITARY AT WORKING LEVEL. PARADE OF GREEK MILITARY STRENGTH LIKELY TO BE PARTICULARLY OBNOXIOUS TO THE GREEK PEOPLE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD DISILLUSIONMENT WITH GREEK MILITARY EXISTING IN THE COUNTRY SINCE NOVEMBER 25 COUP. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT DOES NOT APPEAR IN U.S. INTEREST TO BE ASSOCIATED EXCEPT AT MINIMAL LEVEL

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